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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

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REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2007. No fees are due with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency.

The Office Action issued a Restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 which required Applicants to elect one of the following species:

- (I) Claims 1 to 20 ("Group I"), drawn to a method of operating a gaming device wherein game chips are placed according to a table in memory.
- (II) Claims 21 to 40 ("Group II"), drawn to a method of operating a gaming device wherein multiple tables are used to determine game chip placement.
- (III) Claims 41 to 47 ("Group III"), drawn to a method of gaming wherein no tables are used to determine game chip placement and a player is award based on a combination of values associated with positions having remaining player chips.
- (IV) Claims 48 to 52 ("Group IV"), drawn to a method of gaming wherein no tables are used to determine game chip placement and a player is awarded based on a combination of values associated with each remaining player chip.